

Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 16 March 2023

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Subject:

Allocation of Community Buildings Grants for 2023-2025.

Summary statement:

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Building Grant is to support Community Organisations with their core costs including heating, lighting, insurance, business rates and rent.
- 2.2 Applications for the Community Building Grants will only be considered from voluntary and community sector organisations registered or in the process of becoming registered with the Charities Commission based within the Bradford District, businesses and statutory organisations will not be eligible to access this funding.
- 2.3 Definition;

The Bradford Metropolitan District definition of a community building is:

‘A building / part of a building or land operated by local community members, with volunteers and in some cases alongside paid staff, that it exists to provide a range of local services for local people and run by local committees meeting the needs of all in the community or interest group’.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 For 2023-25 we have a district wide allocation of £250,000. Stronger Communities team presented a proposal on 19th January 2023 on the allocation for each area. It was agreed that each area would contribute £5,000 to central pot for organisations providing services district wide.
- 3.2 The district wide allocation of £25,000 will be allocated by a meeting of five area chairs.
- 3.3 Bradford South has been awarded £53,750 over a two-year period, and it will be made clear to all successful organisations that year two funds will be subject to availability of Council funds.
- 3.4 On 22nd February 2023 the Grants Advisory Group met to discuss the Community Buildings Grants applications submitted for the Area. In total 12 applications were considered and after full consideration the recommendations from the Bradford South Area Grants Advisory Group are to support and fund 10 application (Table 1) and to decline 2 applications (Table 2).

| BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS (Table 1.) | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | 2023-24 | Subject to Funding 2024-25 |
| Bierley Community Association | £5,932.40 | £5,932.40 |
| BOCS | £2,600.00 | £2,600.00 |
| Buttershaw Christian Family Centre | £6,627.50 | £6,627.50 |
| Kyffin Place Community Centre (two sites) | £13,448.00 | £13,448.00 |
| Lidget Green Healthy Living Centre | £1,750.00 | £1,750.00 |
| Queensbury Community Programme | £7,490.00 | £7,490.00 |
| Red Letter Project (St John's Church) | £4,319.00 | £4,319.00 |
| Sandale Community Development Trust | £4,640.50 | £4,640.50 |
| Scholemoor Beacon | £3,828.60 | £3,828.60 |
| Sedbergh Youth & Community Centre | £3,114.00 | £3,114.00 |
| Total: | £53,750.00 | £53,750.00 |

| BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS (Table 2.) | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | 2023-24 | Subject to Funding 2024-25 |
| Friends Who Care Trust (FWCT) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Restore Recovery College (Healthy Lifestyle Solutions) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Total: | £0.00 | £0.00 |

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The amount of funding per annum for the Bradford South Area was previously £38,075 for four years between 2019-2023. This has been increased to £53,750 for 2023-2025.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no direct specific risk management and governance issues.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.
- 6.2 Under the Councils Constitution at Article 12, the Executive can delegate/devolve the discharge of functions to Area Committees. In discharging these functions, all decisions made must be in accordance with policies, strategies, plans or criteria approved by the Council or Executive and within the approved budget.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 7.1.1 The progressive distribution of grants to Areas with higher level needs will aid the development of initiatives which reduce inequalities.
- 7.1.2 Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 Resources available to Bradford South Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support the Bradford South Area Ward Plans, will directly support the delivery of the District's Plan and promote and contribute to the People Can Make a difference approach.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- 7.3.1 Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects to be funded through this budget will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of, for example, energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 There are no direct community safety implications.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no direct human rights implications.

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications related to Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The activity outlined in this report affects the whole district and all organisations which currently receive buildings related support in the Bradford South area. The creation and devolution of the Community Building Grant to Area Committees has established a more tailored provision and more accountability at ward and area levels.

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 The activities outlined in this report contribute to priorities within the Bradford South Area Ward Plans.

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

None

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee approves the Community Buildings Grants as set out in Para 3.4 of this report.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Report to Bradford South Area Committee on the allocation of Community Building Grants 2017-19. 24 November 2016

12.2 The Allocation of Community Buildings Grants (Extended Community Centre Core Costs), Document R, Bradford South Area Committee, 29 November 2018.